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SUBJ: LOS: PRESENTATION OF USG POSITION ON LOS ISSUES

1. DURING 10 MARCH MEETING WITH MFA LEGAL ADVISOR KAZEMI, ACTING POLCOUNS AND EMBASSY LAW OF SEA(LOS) OFFICER SUMMARIZED U.S. VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE OF UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE AND NEED FOR REACHING AGREEMENT ON KEY ISSUES. THEY ALSO PRESENTED KAZEMI WITH PAPER DRAWN FROM PARA 6, REFTTEL, SETTING FORTH USG POSITIONS ON SOME OF MAJOR ISSUES FACING MARCH CONFERENCE.

2. DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION, KAZEMI STATED THAT HE DID NOT FEEL HOPEFUL THAT UPCOMING CONFERENCE WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ISSUES STILL IN CONTENTION. IRAN SAW FEW ISSUES AS CRITICAL, AS HER GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION WAS SUCH THAT IRAN WAS NOT DIRECTLY CONCERNED. HE RECOGNIZED THAT MOST SERIOUS AREA YET TO BE RESOLVED WAS ISSUE OF DEEP SEABED EXPLOITATION AND MECHANISM FOR CONTROLLING THIS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

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HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT US FAVORED SIMPLE REGISTRATION

FOR EXPLORATION AND USE OF SEABEDS, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN RUSH TO GRAB AS MUCH SEABED AS EACH COUNTRY COULD. HE STATED THAT PERSONALLY HE WAS CONCERNED WITH SOME ISSUES INVOLVING LANDLOCKED STATES, SUCH AS THOSE STATES HAVING TERRITORIAL CLAIMS ON NEIGHBORING STATES FOR PASSAGE TO SEA, BUT ADDED THAT THESE PERSONAL VIEWS WOULD NOT SERIOUSLY CONCERN IRAN'S APPROACH TO THE CONFERENCE. DURING HIS CONVERSATION KAZEMI DID IMPLY THAT HE FELT GREAT POWERS(SPECIFICALLY US AND SOVIET UNION) HAD REACHED BEHIND-THE -SCENES AGREEMENT ON VIRTUALLY ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF LOS ISSUES.

3. KAZEMI STATED IRAN'S DELEGATION TO UPCOMING CONFERENCE WOULD INCLUDE NO NEW FACES. KAZEMI WILL HEAD DELEGATION, BUT WILL ARRIVE LATE, PROBABLY SOMETIME AFTER MARCH 25, AS HE PLANS VACATION TRIP TO SWITZERLAND EN ROUTE. OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS MENTIONED INCLUDE: HADI SADEGHI, MFA, JAMSHID MOMTAZA, UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, AND DAVOUD BAVAND AND FARROKH PARSI, BOTH MFA ATTACHED TO IRANIAN UN DEL NEW YORK. SEVERAL OTHERS WILL ATTEND, BUT NAMES WERE NOT PROVIDED.

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